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to Supply Rumanian Armed Services;  
Shortage of Petroleum Products

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1. Rumanian light industry is presently largely employed on production for the armed services.
2. All large shoe factories have been converted to the manufacture of military boots.
3. Owners who have had their small workshops taken from them by the state have been hired for work on military projects at attractive pay.
4. The shortage of food is generally ascribed to diversion of food supplies to the Rumanian armed services. Stockpiling of food for the army is no longer a secret in Rumania.
5. The queues of persons waiting to purchase kerosene are presently the longest in Rumania. Persons desiring to purchase kerosene queue up during the night in order to make purchases the following day. The Rumanian authorities are recruiting persons for "voluntary" labor from these queues for kerosene, since expressions of hostility and opposition to the regime are frequently heard in these lines.
6. At the present time, persons are queuing up for gasoline for their automobiles. The lines of automobiles, trucks, taxis, and motorcycles waiting for gasoline sometimes reach a length of 200 to 300 meters.

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